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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.**—At the annual meeting at Cleveland, it was the sense of the Council that efforts should be made by a committee authorized for the purpose to increase the membership of the Association. It has seemed to the officers up to this time sufficient to enlist the cooperation of members of local branches and of individual members in the institutions where local branches have not yet been formed. The results of these efforts are reflected in the considerably increased lists of nominees in the March and April BULLETINS. The membership of the Association ought to reach four thousand before the next annual meeting, and there can be no real doubt of this if general and vigorous cooperation is rendered. Particular attention is invited to the work at Dartmouth, Northwestern, Ohio, Princeton, Purdue, Texas, and West Virginia.

The Association needs the momentum of a larger membership with the resources which that implies. Such benefits as it is able to render should be widely distributed among the members of the profession.

**CONTRIBUTIONS.**—Attention is invited to the list on page 45 of contributors to last year's deficit. The number of contributors (552) and the aggregate amount (\$1,028) are particularly gratifying. Every effort is being made this year to avoid a deficit. Members will greatly assist the officers by paying their dues promptly.

**CALENDAR OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES.**—With a view to systematizing the work of Committee Q on Time and Place of Annual Meetings, an attempt is now in progress to secure advance information from those other national societies with which our membership most interlocks.

Information thus far received is as follows:

<i>Titles of Societies</i>	<i>Time of (Annual) Meeting</i>	<i>Place of (Annual) Meeting</i>
Amer. Acad. Pol. Soc. Science	May 7, 8, 1920	Philadelphia
Amer. Asso. for Advance. of Science	Dec. 27-Jan. 1	Chicago
American Bar Association	Aug. 25-27, 1920	St. Louis
Amer. Chemical Society	Sept 7-10, 1920	Chicago
Amer. Geographical Society	January and April	New York
Amer. Historical Association	Dec. 28-30, 1920	Washington
Amer. Mathematical Society	Sept. 6-11, 1920	Chicago
Amer. Medical Association	April, 1920	New Orleans
Amer. Philological Association	Dec. 28-30, 1920	Baltimore
Amer. Pol. Science Association	Dec. 28-30, 1920	Washington
Assoc. of American Geographers	Dec. 30, 31, Jan. 1	Chicago
Geological Soc. of America	Dec. 28-30, 1920	Chicago
Soc. for Prom. Engin. Education	June 29-July 2, 1920	Ann Arbor

The Committee has informally recommended that the Association meet next December in Chicago with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, but final action has not yet been taken by the Council.

AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION.—At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee it was voted to authorize the Director to cooperate in any way which seems practicable with committees of the American Historical Association and the American Political Science Association in the establishment of a university center of higher studies in Washington.

It was voted to authorize the Director to endeavor to secure financial support for a study of the position of modern languages in the American educational system, as proposed by the Modern Language Association of America.

It was voted to hold in connection with the annual meeting of the Council, May 7, 8, a conference on educational legislation, provided the Committee on Federal Legislation is prepared to present definite conclusions as the result of its study at that time.

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL.—“The Division of States Relations is organized with special reference to the consideration of research interests related to organization of the states as political and economic units. In our commonwealth the state presents an important form of organization for the development of certain aspects of science. The function of science in such a unit is to direct the conservative use of the state's natural resources, to increase productivity, to improve sanitation, and in other ways

to promote prosperity and the public welfare. The purpose of this Division may be stated in simplest form as follows:

"1. To obtain information as to the most effective types of organization for groups of departments concerned with research within state governments.

"2. To become acquainted with the best methods of cooperation among departments of the state government and among the institutions within the state—educational, commercial, and industrial—which are concerned with scientific research.

"3. To study the wider outside relations of research in state organizations, including the contacts with activities of other states and with national agencies of the country.

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"The Division bespeaks the cooperation in this study of all those who are interested in this aspect of the advancement of science."—*Extract from circular of Division of States Relations.*

The officers of the Division are J. C. Merriam, Chairman, and A. L. Barrows, Executive Secretary, 1201 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION.—The First Annual Report of the Director (Bulletin No. 1) reviews the formation and early work of the Institute, discussing in some detail the collection of information in regard to international exchange of teachers and students. A plan recently adopted provides funds for meeting the expense of transportation of selected professors to and from universities in different parts of the world, with special reference to those on sabbatical leave who may be interested in carrying on work in other institutions. Such professors will be invited to apply for the honorarium and a committee of the Advisory Council will select from the applicants.

The Institute has also arranged during the current year for visits at different American institutions by professors from the allied nations and for the Chinese Educational Commission.

The problem of receiving foreign students here and of sending our own students abroad upon fellowships is more difficult. Foreign universities have few or no fellowships such as exist in ours. If students from American universities are to study abroad upon fellowships, the fellowships must be financed here.

There are only a few, and the Institute has cooperated in informing inquirers of their existence, such for example as those founded by the Association for American Scholarships in French Universities. Definite arrangements for international cooperation have been made by the Director with representative bodies in Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, Switzerland, and Jugoslavia, and are anticipated in other countries. Visiting delegations have been received from Spain, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Chile, Australia, China, and Japan, besides many individual visitors of distinction. These visits frequently resulted in conferences having valuable results, such as that of the French representative at the International Labor Conference with representatives of the Law Faculty at Columbia University to consider modifications in the requirements of the Law Faculty of the University of Paris, to enable American students to pursue more easily their studies there; of representative Italian residents with professors of Italian in our principal universities to undertake the organization of a society, similar to the *Alliance Française*, to propagate Italian culture in the educational institutions of the United States; of representatives of Mexican education with missionaries and American educators to consider how to improve the organization of American institutions in Mexico. The Institute has been of similar service to American professors leaving for foreign countries.

Many committee meetings have been held at the Institute by various groups of educators and scholars interested in international affairs. The Director is anxious to place the facilities of the Institute at the disposal of all responsible educational organizations having international connections and interests.

In cooperation with the French High Commission, the Institute has published and distributed a booklet on Opportunities for Higher Education in France, which is a comprehensive statement of admission requirements, degrees, courses, fees, faculties, and all other data which would enable the American student to make a wise selection of the institution in which he wishes to study his special subject. A similar booklet will be issued for the United States to enable the foreign student to know where he can best study the subject in which he is interested. In cooperation with the American Library Association the Institute has published and distributed a union list of foreign statistical annuals that has

been sadly needed by our universities and libraries. It will also publish and distribute lists of international law journals. It will issue a bulletin from time to time to bring to the notice of educational authorities in the United States matters of interest and importance to them in the international field.

Information is also included in regard to international relations clubs formed at many American colleges and universities. The Director is S. P. Duggan, 419 West 117th Street, New York City.